

(b) Government does not agree with the observations in the news item as they are not factually correct. The strike was withdrawn by the IPG without any reservation.

(c) The management of Air India is often compelled to respond to litigation initiated by employees. It is the constant endeavour of the management to keep harmonious relations with the employees and avoid unnecessary litigation.

(d) There is a Grievance Procedure in Air India which provides for redressal of grievances of employees at various levels.

[Translation]

Amenities at Stations in Orissa

*6352. SHRI GOVIDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding mis-management in providing electricity, water and catering facilities to the passengers at different stations in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve and streamline the facilities provided to the passengers especially on Rourkela and Jaipur-Keonjhar Road Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Complaints in respect of failure of electricity supply on platform and inadequate water supply at Balasore were received which have been attended to.

(c) As regard Rourkela and Jaipur-Keonjhar Road stations, electric and water supply arrangements at these stations are considered adequate. Rourkela refreshment centre has been renovated.

Supply of Electricity at Kashtha station

*6353. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of electricity at Kashtha station on Grand Chord Line;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to provide electricity there; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Kashtha station building is already electrified since September, 1984 through traction supply. However, electrification of station complex by taking power supply from Bihar State Electricity Board is in progress and likely to be completed during 1991-92.

[English]

Stoppage of Express Trains at Chandauli Majhwar

6354. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stoppage of express trains at Chandauli Majhwar and Tulsi Ashram stations in Varanasi district has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide halt of more express trains there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Stoppage of no express train at Chandauli Majhwar has now been withdrawn. Stoppage of 49/50 (New No. 3049/3050) Howrah-Amritsar Express at Tulsi Ashram was withdrawn with effect from 10.7.1981 due to lack of commercial justification.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Commercially not justified.

[Translation]

Maharajganj-Dronda Section

*6355. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharajganj in Bihar was connected with Dronda railway station on Barauni-Gorakhpur main line (NER);

(b) whether a survey was conducted to extend Dronda-Maharajganj rail section and connect it with Sidwalia station of Chapra-Thabi rail section;

(c) whether at the time of conversion of this main line from metre gauge to broad gauge Daronda-Maharajganj rail section was suddenly stopped;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to reopen the Dronda-Maharajganj rail section; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey was conducted only for conversion of Duraundha Maharajganj isolated branch line from M.G. to B.G. However, a fresh survey for gauge conversion from Duraundha to Maharajganj M.G. line into B.G. and provision for a new B.G. line from Maharajganj to Masrakh has been included in the Budget 1991-92.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Decision for re-opening conversion to B.G. would depend on results of the survey and availability of resources.

[English]

Modernisation of Sealdah Station

6356. SHRISATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to modernise Sealdah Station; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sealdah is one of the 67 Railway Stations selected to be developed as Model Stations. The development scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 249.39 lakh. An amount of Rs. 133.03 lakh has been spent upto March, 1991 and the allocation for 1991-92 is Rs. 15.14 lakh.

Out of Turn Allotments of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Delhi and U.P.

6357. SHRIRAJNATH SONKARSHASTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: